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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed on 02/04/2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. In re pages 4-5, applicant argues that Emura discloses a television program recording reservation system wherein when a television program recording reservation for a desired television program newly input by the viewer overlaps with a registered recording reservation for a specific television program, television program schedule information that was previously received and stored by the system is searched for a rebroadcast television program having the same contents as those of the desired television program. Emura fails to disclose a method comprising extracting, during recording of a video program, additional information from the video signal of video program, the additional information being received simultaneously with the video program and containing specified information regarding said video program, as recited in claim 1.

In response, the examiner respectfully disagrees. Emura discloses from col. 4 lines 36-47 that "...a recording reservation is performed for a television program "drama" P1 planned to broadcast just after another television program "baseball game" P2. ...where a broadcasting time of the television program "baseball game" P2 is prolonged by 30 minutes, the television program schedule information I1 is renewed, a recording timein recording reservation is automatically delayed by 30 minutes according to the renewed television program schedule information I1....." and col. 14

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lines 25-col. 15 lines 8 that “.....television program schedule information storing unit....to renew the television program schedule information....stored in the storing unit.....schedule information I1i is updated television program schedule information I1 in cases where the input television program schedule I1i differs from the television program schedule information....controlling the television program recording unit....to record the television program in the recording medium....according to each television program recording reservation registered in the storing unit....” Emura discloses extracting of additional information I1i from demultiplexing unit 102 of fig. 7 as updated television program schedule information in cases where the input television program schedule information differs from the television program schedule information I1. For example, a television program drama is planned to broadcast just after a baseball game. When the baseball game is prolonged by 30 minutes, the television program schedule information I1 is renewed and recording time is extended by 30 more minutes during continue watching baseball game. Therefore, the additional information (I1i) being received simultaneously with the video program through the receiving unit 101.

3. Claims 2-4 and 7 are rejected for the same reason as discussed in the corresponding paragraph 2 above.

4. Claims 5, 6, 8, 9 are rejected for the same reason as discussed in the corresponding paragraph 2 above.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thai Tran can be reached on 571-272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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